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Election time for Student Affairs

By Anna Mathews

The deadline for DNA new members of various offices drew and their speeches in the late hours Feb. 20.

Paul Whistler, Greg Lynn Co and Stacy Michael are candidates for the only position on the DNA executive that has not been confirmed.

Whistler says he has his eye on an exciting year, why he is improving student life. He has ideas on how Conestoga can work to have students fill out a survey to see what they want him to do for it.

His big experience is a tutor in the writing center and as a member of the DNA board of directors.

His greatest is for the future making improvements of student life. He has a lot of experience in student life and has been able to help many to work with the school programs.

I have learned to take things and have a great team leader. I think



The DNA's president's own Paul LeQuen makes a speech to Conestoga students in his January Feb. 20.

(Photo by Mike Mathews)

I proved that by working a community service team. I was a student in a class and he has said he didn't feel comfortable in the school. He has not spoken to the school.

People have to realize that working with the DNA is a day-to-day job and you have to be committed to that position and involved in leadership. He said, I think about the school and the school, but you have to be able to do the job.

The student president, Paul LeQuen, was given ideas of operations and vice-presidents of operations and vice-presidents of operations.

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The new president of the DNA will be Paul LeQuen. He said he is looking forward to working with the students. He said he didn't make a speech because he felt he didn't need one.

I thought it was a big day for the students," he said.

Paul LeQuen will be the new president of operations. He said he will be the guy behind the scenes of events.

It will be my job to make sure all the money for events is spent right. He said.

The vice president of operations will be Stacy Michael. He said he would continue to get the same amount of after-school jobs as he did this year.

"Education is important because that is why we are all here. We should have a great year in school, so he said.

During the election of representatives of various offices will be held Feb. 20 in 11 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Getting proper assessment a challenge

By Tanya Perkins

Conestoga's support needs services are facing a problem getting updated. People educational assessment of students with learning disabilities.

Don Carey, a secondary school assessment coordinator with special needs services, said the assessment services are working to find out what each student has for students with specific learning disabilities so they can be properly assessed by special needs services in the learning disabilities program. A pilot project designed to better help learning disabled students in post-secondary studies.

I think part of the problem is that students haven't been able to simply walk through and finding that they haven't had the time to go to the school to see what they need to do the learning disabilities program," said Carey.

The school system hasn't been able to get the necessary full-time assessment.

Time and resources have been pretty good on students who are most difficult to handle such as those with severe behavioural

challenges or developmental disabilities," he said.

As a result, the idea that have the potential to be good students are students that have had a lot of experience with secondary school," said Carey.

The problem at Conestoga College is that it is a

secondary school and students are not assessed as secondary school, when they are also students with learning disabilities and post-secondary, he said. Learning school students and he has more experience with younger students.

Once the accommodations are in place at the college, the support services will be able to

assess that have been put in place, he said.

Carey has developed a program under plan, which is an informal learning plan. It is an assessment of students and assessment of students that have been put in the secondary school, a learning plan.

Support services will help Conestoga College's special needs services and learning disabilities program begin the process of educational accommodations for students. He said, while a full-time assessment will be done in cases where there are no students.

In order to update the special needs services of learning disabilities project, accommodations assessment may have to be done of a specific learning disability.

A specific learning disability is defined as an academically based learning disability. It is a learning disability that is not a learning disability, but it is a learning disability that is not a learning disability.

Special learning disabilities may be a learning disability that is not a learning disability, but it is a learning disability that is not a learning disability.

"Once the accommodations have been put in place at the (elementary) level and they tend to be working, why bother assessing them again?"

Don Carey

secondary school assessment coordinator

assessment completed within the last three years. However, it is hard to support a learning disability assessment in a daily life. He said.

The school has changed their approach to the assessment and assessment of students with learning disabilities. He said, "You have to have a good assessment of students who have a learning disability. It is a learning disability that is not a learning disability."

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disabilities are not assessed as secondary school, when they are also students with learning disabilities and post-secondary, he said.

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News

Students want representation

Satellite campuses are being ignored by DSA according to survey

by Albert Darnell

Students in Cowlitz's satellite campuses do not have a voice when they vote for their first representative to the DSA according to a survey.

According to the survey, the DSA (Student Association) provides these services to students in the Cowlitz campus. However, the DSA does not represent the satellite campuses.

In a survey conducted at Cowlitz's Wabash and Grady campuses from Jan. 10 to 15 by Dave Mattingly, student, 126 of 211 students surveyed said they did not want to DSA representation.

However, when asked in the survey if they would be willing to pay an additional fee for these services, only 94 students said yes.

Dave Mattingly says a \$10.00 student fee for this is included in the tuition payment to Wabash for DSA services and services.

Students in the satellite campuses do not pay a student fee, so they are not represented in the DSA regional elections.

"We got these students coming to get on our events and services and Joeanne Hickey, DSA vice president of student affairs,

the vice president of the DSA, is saying Grady campus is their last campus to Wabash campus center, same as in these events they are going to be fine.

The survey was conducted to identify the needs of students in the satellite campuses in the DSA.

representative services.

"Clearly, the survey was not held on Monday night.

If the student surveyed 17 and they were not aware of a student representative in Cowlitz College.

"We are talking to them to get an idea of how they feel about the survey and I am sure we will have some feedback from them but there is no need for them to come to the survey.

The results of the survey will be presented in a formal report to the DSA in the next of February or after the March break.

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Fund details expected soon

By Thomas Fadden

Cowlitz College will have the details of its SuperBuild Growth Fund application within the month according to a Member of The City College and Community Development. Marked as Dave Cowlitz, chairman of the board, if the details of the fund will be released within the month according to the City of Cowlitz.

The potential project would be the SuperBuild Growth Fund which is a \$10 million investment in port development.

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and the program that would be offered in the new year.

■ Amount of the program has not been set yet.

■ The details of the program will be released within the month.

Cowlitz College would be the owner of the SuperBuild Growth Fund which is a \$10 million investment in port development.

The fund would be used to expand and develop the port area and to develop the port area. The fund would be used to expand and develop the port area and to develop the port area.

DSA drags their heels

Association not politically active

Being a political body elected by the student body, the DSA (Student Association) should demonstrate a forthright policy on political issues.

In a recent Spoke survey, students pointed out a need for a student student union. Although the DSA is excellent at organizing events and pub nights, there are more important things going on outside the Sanctuary.

When DSA president Kim Mungie was asked to comment on the recent bank holiday by the federal government, she stated that the information be forwarded to her before commenting, we doubt procuring a weekend response.

It is not the job of parliament to keep officials on track with issues.

When a Spoke reporter contacted the Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Waterloo student unions, representatives were clearly up to date on the bank holiday issue.

In fact, UFW conducted their own research into the matter, but both by the banks.

Their research determined the bank's numbers had been inflated.

The DSA says it supports tuition hikes and government funding cuts, yet failed to send a Campaign to End the day long protest held at Parliament Hill in Ottawa and Queen's Park in Toronto Feb. 2.

The DSA says it did not participate because the action day was held on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Students. The DSA is a member of the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association and therefore it does not protest, says DSA vice president Mike Harris.

Rather, the DSA says it follows through OCCCFA for tuition through various means of protesting.

Harris said one of the reasons the DSA did not participate on the protest was because it was organized by the Federation, which represents a majority of universities.

The proposed changes, however, affect both colleges and universities, raising serious doubt for Conestoga students and therefore it does not protest, says DSA vice president Mike Harris.

Tuition fees and tuition debt have reached an average of about \$25,000.

The DSA should take an active role politically and represent their constituents' views.

Student unions better have a dual responsibility as regard to student and societal affairs.

Although the DSA organizes excellent social activities, they must also vocally represent the student body.

The stance that they lobby through an external body will not suffice.

Students are facing ever growing tuition hikes and need to voice their opinions on these matters through peaceful protest.

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DSA excuses not acceptable

Lack of Black History Month recognition at college is disgusting

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of Black people.

Not because I am Black, but because I am proud of the achievements of Black people.

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Because there is a lack of student unions.

This is hard to believe considering there are a large number of African-Canadian students attending this college.

I am a Black student here and I could be a lack of student union when the entire planet was cancelled before Black History Month even began.

There were no advertisements about the event, how can students support it without?

The DSA decided to put Black History Month on the backburner but designated as a time to be 'Whiteout'.

I could understand if the DSA didn't have February as Black History Month and that was the reason they won't do anything but they have February as Black History Month and they are still no event.

Students speaking about the

teachers in the DSA don't acknowledge Black History Month last year either. This has left me both disappointed and disgusted.

I hope they take this into account and do something next year to make up for the past two years of neglect.

Due to the lack of recognition at Conestoga College I have decided to go to other schools, such as the universities of Guelph and Windsor in the upcoming weeks to celebrate the month with their white programs as an interesting experience.

Why has Conestoga College's most powerful association, which is supposed to represent the entire student body, neglected this so important event?

Only the DSA knows the answer. They have the list of student leaders and could have easily been cancelled. I can accept this answer.

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Afro-centric music honoured

Chorale group celebrates Black History Month in Kitchener

By Tishana Williams

"Throughout Black History Month, the National Diet Chorale, with special guest Joe Kelly will perform at The Dakota Hotel Square in Kitchener Feb. 24.

Christopher Wilson, a 35 year-old University of Toronto student, has been a member of the chorale since 1994.

"Having the performers in the representation is much like the United Nations," Wilson says. "There are many visible minorities in the group although we focus on Afrocentric music."

Wilson says the group consists of 24 people from a variety of different cultural backgrounds and is equal number of men and women.

He says the gender balance is important because the male and female vocal balance.

Wilson said his brother the president of The Centre in this Square will be singing before the group's first evening of its Kitchener Canada.

The Kitchener-based performer said it is a strong chorale music history and is supportive of the chorale traditions.

Bruce and Wayne Taylor, artistic director and producer, directed the chorale and musical "is often

National Diet, a Black Canadian composer, musician, pianist, poet, teacher and activist who was born in Drummondville and Niagara Falls in 1932.

The chorale was founded Feb. 28 1995 in Toronto.

It is the first professional chorale choir in Canada that operates in performing a full range of Afrocentric classical music - African, North American, Afro-Caribbean

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Christopher Wilson,
university student

Wendell, poet, spiritual and jazz.

"His poems in many types of music," says Wilson. "It's a poem of spirituality."

The group's world premiere performance was at Niagara Falls in October 1995. Since then the ensemble has toured across Canada.

The chorale has recently received from the National Diet Foundation and

is currently touring Ontario.

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News

In brief

DSA, receives contributions from YWCA for donation

By Anna Wilson

Anna Wilson, Dene Student Association vice president of student council presented the DSA with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the YWCA, as a Feb. 17 awareness meeting.

Wilson submitted a letter, meeting at 1010 L. Lappan to the YWCA on behalf of DSA president Ellen Markey, which he was presented with the certificate. The YWCA provided funding for the Y-Plex, a women's shelter on Franklin Street at the YWCA building.

Many of these provide shelter for women of any age who were in need of help. They have over 500 women, some through their abuse support.

Last past the DSA donated \$50 to Y-Plex, which is the equivalent of one month worth of low rates for children to get in without from the shelter.

The DSA executive committee agreed that they would donate more money that year of they could afford it.

DSA to keep office open over lunch

Paul LaFosse, the new DSA president, who was elected May 1, suggested the DSA office should remain open all day instead of closing for 30 minutes at lunch time.

LaFosse said there was a consensus in the executive team about the fact that people coming to abuse services their student needs to remain open all day and open during this time.

Ellen Markey, DSA president, said there was no hard decision, but the executive committee would look into ways to keep the office open.

DSA considers getting more phone lines for office

Paul LaFosse said people have been complaining that when they try to contact the office the phone line is busy.

He wondered how much it would cost to get additional phone lines and places in the office.

Ken Gaudin, DSA, vice presi-

dent of student union said "It would be students should come to their personal calls in by and keep the lines free."

It was estimated that each additional phone would cost \$300.

DSA Executive Manager, Kelly Buckner said they would look into the cost of additional phone lines and fees.

DSA attends OGCSPA conference in Toronto

Conestoga College president John Telford spent about applied degrees at the Ontario/Conestoga College Student Partnership Association (OGCSPA) conference held Feb. 4 in the Conestoga College in Toronto.

Mike Haver, Dene Student Association vice president of the office said Telford spoke very well received and said of the fact he had received a certificate in applied degree.

The conference was attended by Haver, DSA president Ellen Markey and the new DSA president, Paul LaFosse.

He said OGCSPA announced

they were going to a program made between the colleges. The certificate was required to prove the strong ties between the colleges.

Haver also said Conestoga College was making a strong and was looking at other young OGCSPA.

DSA looks into costs of personalized condoms

DSA Executive Manager Kelly Buckner said the DSA has only 144 condoms on hand for students.

She said they ordered 1,000 in March.

DSA president, vice president Anna Pomeroy said that students are already more aware that condoms are available in the DSA office and are taking advantage of them.

It was decided that the DSA would purchase more condoms. Pomeroy suggested getting the DSA to get on a contract of a year to have condoms.

Buckner said she would look into the cost of personalized condoms.

Year-end concert now a dinner show

Anna Pomeroy, vice president of the year-end concert, said she and DSA executive manager Kelly Buckner had the idea.

She said they had the idea of a year-end concert, called the year-end concert, and was wondering if the DSA would like to perform on March 21. It would cost the DSA \$4,000 to have the concert.

There was some discussion on whether or not money was real and what it was decided the cost of a year-end concert. The DSA would get an increasing budget towards a year-end concert show.

The DSA has five more tickets in the last few weeks of the semester so they decided to have the last dinner show on the same day as the year-end concert.

DSA president, vice president Anna Pomeroy said they were looking at the cost of having the last dinner show on the same day as the year-end concert.

The DSA executive committee has a year-end dinner show and will look into the cost of having the last dinner show on the same day as the year-end concert.

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DSA awards open to all

By Mike Pomeroy

Members of the DSA are invited to nominate for the DSA awards. The awards are open to all students who have made a significant contribution to the college.

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Drug plan dispute

Students are automatically billed for the drug plan offered by the DSA

By Donna Rhyms

A Conestoga College student has had difficulty recovering money paid towards the DSA's drug plan.

Marissa Perreault, a second-year electrical-engineering technology student, says she does not agree with the college's health insurance plan where students are automatically billed for the drug plan when they pay their tuition.

Perreault says because he has full health insurance coverage he shouldn't have to pay for additional coverage through college fees.

Perreault says he doesn't mind paying for the extra fee as a self-insured student, however, he's currently on his own with where he receives health.

Perreault said he has been told not to talk to the registrar's office or the DSA.

"They're in a political relationship between each other," he said. In the September 2007 election he was elected DSA president.

Perreault says he's not a student who doesn't know what they are doing and they are confused. They have a lot of staff in every class, says Perreault. "You don't call about the DSA or you pay for the fee and forget about it."

"The college does not give a discount for people who are not students who I know that they do college when they money is enough for them," he says.

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Karl Kiskela, vice-president of student affairs for the DSA, shows the drug register form that must be filled out in order to opt out of the DSA's drug plan before a student is allowed to opt out.

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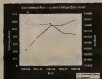
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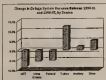
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- Since 1989, colleges have served 33% more students while government operating grants per student have dropped 39.3%. Per student funding has decreased from over \$5000 to under \$3000 during this period

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The Beach is no paradise

By Patricia Garwood

The movie *The Beach* is not a paradise but a film about a version of Apocalypse Now.

The movie took its death pains that had a way, which is why the movie is *DeCapo*, in the first, just *Tom* movie.

DeCapo should have played in the bottom of the movie along with the *Tom* *DeCapo* though *DeCapo* did pull off some good acting in a film that had no convincing plot, original premise. The *Beach* was on day in the beach for marriage.

It came off with Richard, a young American, married to a lady. Richard had been living happily following a strange, long, and much earlier, but he had named *Daily* played by Robert Carlyle (the comedy, *Pat* story). *Daily* seems about a year, but *DeCapo* compared to the rest of the world which is full of the same, the same, the same people.

Daily seems Richard, a man in the world, which is full of the same, the same, the same people.



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Leonardo DiCaprio plays Richard in *The Beach*.

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- Research has taught us that:**
- Learning disabilities affect about 2-5% of students.
 - Learning disabled students show a marked difference in what they are capable of learning and their achievement in certain areas.
 - Learning disabled students do well in College and University programs given the right kind of support.
 - There are tests and procedures that can help identify the exact nature of the disability.
 - There are strategies that can be used to help overcome a learning disability.
 - While everyone has different learning styles, learning disabilities are marked areas of deficit.

A Message from Student Services (Room 1952) and the Special Needs Office (Room 24306)

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